

REMARKS

In the above application with claims 21 and 22 pending, claims 23-26 have been added as shown above.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 21 and 22 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,686,754, U.S. Patent No. 6,501,343 and U.S. Patent No. 6,218,910. The Office Action indicates that a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 may be submitted to overcome the double patenting rejection. Accordingly, attached with this response is a terminal disclaimer to overcome this rejection.

Conclusion

In light of the above amendments and remarks, claims 21-26 are now all believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Please charge \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for the terminal disclaimer fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.20(d) due.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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